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MONTEREY NEWS

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TOWN NEWS

Plans for New Firehouse, Annual Steak Roast

On May 21 the Monterey Fire Company made a presentation to a crowd of about 50 people describing the history of the Fire Department and its plans for the future. Having informed the audience about the Department's money-making mechanisms, its purchase of essential equipment, and its extensive involvement in training programs, Peter Brown explained the group's decision to incorporate, in July of last year. The incorporated body, according to Brown, "serves as a medium to obtain what can't be obtained at a town meeting." Chief Ray Tryon gave the particulars of plans for a new firehouse to be erected on a .84 acre site west of the center of town. The advantages of the site were listed as better parking, more room for outdoor training, less engine warm up time, and a safer approach to Tyringham Road. The building will incorporate a solar heating system as well as an oil and wood furnace.

The question of how to finance the $150,000 structure was discussed at length. There is a possibility of a Farmer's Home Administration Mortgage at 5% interest. There has been an offer of $22,500 toward the cost of the building by the Massachusetts State Energy Office. The Town of Monterey must own the building if this money is accepted. There has been a solicitation drive initiated by the Fire Company asking for donations from townspeople and interested parties toward the cost of the project. Members of the Company and sympathetic friends have offered free labor and materials. A decision will be made shortly by the Fire Company as to whether to involve the Town in ownership of the Fire House or to proceed on its own in construction and ownership.

The Firemen's Annual Steak Roast is scheduled for Saturday, July 25, in Greene Park, beginning about 4 00 p.m. Tickets will be on sale soon at $8.50 a plate. Hot dogs and hamburgers will be on sale during the event. Following the picnic there will be music and dancing.

Monterey Energy Project Going Full Speed Ahead

In addition to the Recycling Project (SEE PAGE 4), the Monterey Energy Project recently sponsored an Italian Dinner which netted about $400 for future projects. Coming up next will be a money-raising auction scheduled for Friday, the 24th of July, in Greene Park. The tent for the Firemen s steak roast will be erected a day early to facilitate this event and the hot dog-hamburger stand will be open and serving during the auction. Anyone with items to donate to the auction should call Milly Walsh at 528-4257. The money earned by this auction will go toward more bulk buying co-ops, more weatherization workshops and programs, the recycling project at the dump, and other energy conserving measures.

Monterey General Store Changes Hands and Retains its Name

The Monterey Good Foods and Herbs Co. has been purchased by Lewis Scheffey of Wellman Road. Lewis says he hopes to make the store into an "honest to goodness general store" with a full line of goods, predominantly groceries but including hardware and general purpose items. He intends for the store to be open and operating by the 1st of July and asks that townspeople let store employees know what they want in the way of products and services, both by direct communication and by filling a suggestion box with ideas. He aspires to keep prices reasonable and to fulfill the needs of the community.

I Love Monterey Day is August 8th

THEME: A Community for Peace, a Reverence for Life. Focus: International cultures in songs and dance, Monterey's history of social involvement in skits, parade with famous band, crafts fair, farmers' market for world hunger, music, olympic marathon. Spinoffs include films and speakers to focus on peace education. Next meeting -- all are invited -- July 1, 7:30 p.m., church social room. COME!

Sharon Yuska Steinberg - 528-4115

People for Peace

On Sunday, June 14th, Monterey hosted a meeting of the newly formed Southern Berkshire chapter of People for Peace, a group of individuals and organizations in Berkshire County actively promoting world peace. People for Peace recognizes that peace is much more than the absence of war; that it is the great creative endeavor to meet the needs of humanity and express our highest human values. It also recognizes that the world is perilously close to total disaster through nuclear holocaust. A major focus of People for Peace is worldwide nuclear disarmament.

Among the topics discussed at the meeting were: -supporting this year's I Love Monterey Day; -exploring the possibility of contacting a community in the U.S.S.R. that might take a bilateral stand for world peace along with a U.S. community like Monterey; -supporting the pending resolution on a mutual U.S.-U.S.S.R. Nuclear Arms Freeze; -selling People for Peace bumper stickers (on sale at Walsh's Service Station), and other ways of both raising funds and spreading the message of peace.

The next meeting will be on Sunday, June 28th, at 5:00 p.m. in the Social Room of the Monterey United Church of Christ. All are welcome. For further information, and to receive Peace Plans, People for Peace's bimonthly newsletter, write: People for Peace, P.O. Box 537, Great Barrington, Ma. 01230, or call Gordon Harris - 413-229-3457 or Will Friedman - 413-528-9636.

Flood Plain Regulation Becomes Federally Mandated

At the May 18th Selectmen's meeting, Sally Bell of the BCRPC (Berkshire County Regional Planning Commission) and Town Counsel Cowhig's law firm and the Monterey Planning Board met to discuss the newly mandated Flood Plain guidelines.

All subdivisions, building construction and flood insurance in Monterey will be affected by Federal Flood Plain guidelines which the town must incorporate into its laws. At an informational meeting on June 8th at 7:00 p.m., Flood Plain by laws were described to those who attended.

A bit of background: About a year ago Monterey received a set of maps of the Town with designations of Flood Plain and Flood Way areas. According to Federal regulations, no building may take place in Flood Way areas. Buildings in the Flood Plain may be built only according to certain stringent regulations. Monterey had until June 15th to conform to such regulations and to accept the maps as accurate. In response to these requirements, various related town agencies agreed among themselves to abide by the regulations as stated.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency is now reviewing the situation and will decide whether Monterey's way of incorporating its guidelines is acceptable.

Message from Our Police Chief

If townspeople will strictly adhere to the speed limits on all roads, a good example will be set for our summer residents, notably on Tyringham Road and Route 57. These speed limits are law and must be respected. No written or verbal warnings will be issued -- citations will be given out on all roads.

Monterey Historical Society

At a recent meeting of the officers and directors of the Monterey Historical Society plans for the summer season were formulated.

The museum will be open every Saturday morning from 10:00 a.m. until noon and at other times by appointment. On July 20th Bernard Drew will speak to the members on the Stanley Vacuum Bottle. At the annual meeting on July 25th, Lila Parrish of the Great Barrington Historical Society will tell the group the history of the Searles Castle and it is hoped that the September 19th gathering will have a round table of "Old Timers" to answer all our questions on Monterey's early years. Everyone is welcome and do bring a friend.

Community Dinner Hosts "Nature's Classroom" Leader

The May community diners were treated to a slide show given by Sam Hamlin, one of "Nature's Classroom's" guides. For three months in the spring, the same in the fall, "Nature's Classroom" rents New England Keswick and makes the wonders and rigors of nature, as well as the lessons of community living, available to groups of 80-100 fourth to eighth grade city kids and their teachers, from Boston to New York City. The experience attempts to make real the intellectual, math, science, history of their classrooms through nature's lessons.

One of the major goals of "Nature's Classroom" is to have the children discover themselves, to learn how to live and work together as a team, in trust and cooperation. Mr. Hamlin extended an invitation to townspeople to stop in and see the program. The sign at the intersection of Route 23 and Sandisfield Rd. points the way.

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PEOPLE OF INTENTION

There is amazing power in intention. Yet a large majority of people fear to use their power of intention;as a consequence, the average person switches intention off and on like a light bulb. Or that "average person" allows intention to wander all over the map touching down here, there and everywhere. What this sporadic use of intention demonstrates is that people are fearful of allowing their energies to be held in a steady, meaningful focus.

All of us have watched people who have exercised the power of intention. When we see another take focus and direction and unfold possibility after possibility, we suppose they possess some mysterious force or power. What we are observing is the power of intention at work. Charles Goodyear discovered how to vulcanize rubber. Some would say he discovered it by accident. He had a pan full of rubber cooking on the kitchen stove when some of the material accidentally spilled, along with sulphur, on the hot stove. But was it just an accident? Charles Goodyear had spent twenty years and all his money trying to find a way to vulcanize rubber. Consider another person. Sir Alexander Fleming discovered penicillin when mold formed on a culture plate in his laboratory. Accident?? Yes and no. Fleming had been seeking healing agents all his life, so of course, he was a likely person to discover penicillin. Look whichever way you will, it is no secret that individual achievement is closely related to intention.

What about intention when we find it appearing on a community level? Recently someone in a neighboring town asked me, "How is it that Monterey seems to keep coming up with new ideas all the time?" My reply was, "That is what we intend to do." Then after this rather glib reply I started to reflect on my answer and realized that I had spoken the truth even more deeply than I had supposed. It is out of some form of intention that Monterey got involved in energy education and action. It is out of intention that Monterey cares about the nature of community that we are forming.

We have recently watched intention taking form again as two meetings have been held to plan for the next "I LOVE MONTEREY DAY" celebration in August. In the first meeting several possible themes were discussed but it was clear that there was a crystallization and focusing of interest around the search for world peace. The second meeting showed the intention becoming still more intense. To be sure there was a wide spectrum of concerns ranging all the way from stopping nuclear proliferation to learning the secrets of being peaceful in our own persons. Here we saw it happening again. Intention is taking form. I make a prediction. The more clearly and deeply this intention takes form in Monterey, the more profound and lasting will be the impact of Monterey in the search for peace in the world. This is no time to dream (or intend) small. The world needs the full weight of all we can intend in the search for peace. Intention is always seeking ways toward fulfillment. Let us not fear to intend.

As individuals we need to learn to employ the power of intention. But I find myself wondering if community intention is not an even higher achievement. I would not desire or seek a community intention that had even an ounce of force or coercion in it. Those in a community who form an intention should do so only with complete freedom. In time of war community intention gets formed, to be sure, but it finds its energy out of bulldozing everybody into line. Genuine community, creative community must exist in an atmosphere of freedom.

Unfortunately, much of what we call community turns out to be just a conglomeration of people. True community is so much more than the geography of closeness. True community lies more in the realm of spirit. It has to do with common purpose, common destiny, common action. It is for this reason that the development of intention in a community is an important element in any real sense of what the word community really means. Families are one of the most commonly observed forms of community. When a common pattern of purpose emerges in the life of a family one can literally watch life take on meaning and direction.

Of course, we do not expect that everyone in Monterey will be equally enthusiastic about working for peace education or action. Nor do we imagine that all who are concerned for a peaceful world will see eye to eye on the ways of best working to bring about a movement toward peace. But as more and more of Monterey's citizens find themselves identifying with some dimension of peace education and action, the more the world climate will have a healthful influence brought to bear on it. Let's have the courage of intention. Let us discover the power it releases in us for true action in the world.

Virgil V. Brallier, Minister
Monterey United Church of Christ

New Life for the Dump

On April 30, a representative of the DEQE (Department of Environmental Quality Engineering) met with Selectmen at the Monterey dump. As a result of that meeting, specific requirements have been formulated by the DEQE, for the continued operation of the landfill.

The primary requirement is the preparation of a longrange overall plan, which will serve as a guide in the use of the landfill and includes provisions for permanent monitoring of the groundwater. More immediately, changes have to be made in the way the dump operates, to bring it within guidelines set by the state. In order to accomplish this the Selectmen have taken several steps.

As of June 24, the dump will be open three days a week: Wednesday 7:00-12:00, Saturday 8:00-1:00, and Sunday 10:00-6:00. The dump attendant will supervise disposal, making sure that brush is separated from trash and that all dumping takes place in the designated area. New gates will be installed at the front and rear entrances and informational signs will be posted. In addition, a fine of $100.00 will be imposed on anyone found leaving garbage at the gate or any place outside the dumping area.

At the moment, the selectmen are waiting for a report from the engineer, which will help them decide which of a number of alternatives to pursue in the future. Among the possibilities is the purchase of a used compactor truck to be used in conjunction with some other piece of equipment to do the covering. Also being considered is the hiring of a private contractor.

Meanwhile, the Monterey Energy Project is reactivating the recycling operation which was abandoned several years ago. The accumulated six tons of newsprint have been removed from the shed, and beginning June 24, residents may deposit bundled newspapers there. Magazines, corrugated and kraft paper will be accepted if bundled separately. Clean glass, with bottle tops removed, will be accepted, as well as any aluminum. Anyone with questions about the recycling project can call Michele Miller at 528-3454.

It's in all of our interests to keep the dump up to state standards, since the alternative is usually the closing of the landfill and the installation of a very costly compactor!

New Boston Church Seeks Restoration Funds

The New Boston Congregational Church, under the cheerful and enthusiastic leadership of Pastor Charles Knight, is in need of funds to correct some serious structural, heating and termite problems. Built in 1879, the church has silk screened windows and is one of the few "little brown churches in the woods" left. Pastor Knight, who came to the Selectmen's meeting, May 25th, and his thirty parishioners also seek estimates on remediating these problems. He can be reached at 258-4404 or 528-3492, or by writing to Box 73, Sandisfield.

News About People

Monterey has some new citizens. We are proud to tell about them, but the word is that they are going to hold off quite awhile in registering to vote.

Justin Scott Finkle, the son of Wayne and Susan Finkle, was born on May 29th.

Johannah Phelps, the daughter of Frederick and Jean Phelps, was born on May 23rd.

David Jon, the son of Conrad and Margaret Ohman, was born on May 14th.

Bob Weitz was recently elected as a Selectman in West Brookfield, Ma. He was running against three "old timers" in the town and received more votes than the other three combined. Congratulations Bob!

Lewis Scheffey and Joyce Brown were married on May 3rd in New Paltz, New York. They live (when they are not in California) on Wellman Road.

Newman Abercrombie, who was the librarian in Monterey for 51 years, died on June 11th at the age of 89. A memorial service was held for him in the Monterey United Church of Christ, attended by the family and many community people on June 17th.

Nancy Kalodner has received permission for the Fales Construction Company to build her a house on one of the lots in her recent subdivision, on Beartown Road.

David O'Conner, son of John O'Conner of Lake Garfield, graduated with a B.A. from the University of Massachusetts on May 30th of this year.

THANKS to all those who helped make the Monterey Energy Project such a success and a good time.

CATHOLIC CHURCHES
Masses Schedule

Our Lady of the Valley, Sheffield, Saturday, 5:30 p.m. Sunday, 7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m., and 10:30 a.m.

Immaculate Conception, Mill River, Sunday, 10:00 a.m.

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Worship and Regular Meetings — Morning worship each Sunday at 10:30 a.m., with childcare at same time in the Social Room. Choir rehearsal, Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m. at the parsonage. Meditation and prayer Thursdays 7:30 a.m. in the Social Room. All are invited to join us. Prayer group Thursdays 7:45 p.m. at the home of Lucy Smith.

Massachusetts Annual Meeting — Some changes took place in our delegates to the annual meeting of the Massachusetts Conference of the United Church of Christ. The pastor attended for nearly the whole meeting. Stewart and Jean Stowell came in as "pinch hitters" and attended on Saturday. It was a conference marked by an unusually large number of resolutions. Mt. Hood College turned out to be such an excellent location that we may expect to see other meetings there in coming years.

Emphasis on Prayer — There is a noticeable, steadily growing movement to study prayer in the life of our community. There are the two ongoing meetings on Thursday that are centered on prayer. The first meets at 7:30 each Thursday morning in the social room focusing on meditation and prayer. On Thursday evenings, another group meets at the home of Lucy Smith. Monthly prayer breakfast meetings in various homes have recently been added. The next such meeting will be on July 14th at 7:00 a.m. in the home of Arthur and Alice Somers. All in the community are invited to share in any of these meetings.

Gould Farm News

On May 25th, Kent and Nancy Smith attended a meeting in Washington, D.C. of the International Association for Psycho-Social Rehabilitation Services. Kent presented a paper on "Gould Farm: Rehabilitation through an Intentional Community" to sixty or more delegates to the meeting. Discussion following the paper and later in the conference indicated that Gould Farm was serving a population somewhat neglected by other agencies and programs, a population consisting of young adults who have serious disabilities but who have not suffered from long years of institutionalization. Even though this group may not be "cured", there is reasonable hope that they can function independently if they learn to accept their disability, cooperate with an appropriate treatment program, and prepare themselves for social and vocational functioning. Janet McKee also attended the meeting.

Susanne Jemison and Emanuel Blosser, former staff members, were married June 6th at an outdoor chapel in the woods in Frystown, Pennsylvania. The service, written by the bridal couple, was performed by a Church of the Brethren minister from Waynesboro, Virginia. Joe Burkholder sang. About fifty people were present, including a number of Gould Farm staff and former staff. These were Ken Beam, Joe, Ruth and Sherri Burkholder, Hugh, Patsy, Justin and Heather Chapman, Ken Gleason, Douglas King, Bretta Cellig, Amy Schimelfenyg, and Brynn and Randy Schmitt. The couple are expected to visit the Farm shortly.

The Farm family is happy to welcome back as summer staff members Dan and Goldie Wilson from Eustis, Florida. Goldie did a two-and-a-half months' stint last year, substituting for Loul McIntosh as house parent at East House. She will serve there again this summer, while Loul is away for a shorter vacation this time. Meanwhile she and Dan will help in various ways during the busy mid-summer weeks.

Mike McDonald, a native of Pittsfield, has come also as a summer worker. He heard of the Farm through Chet Olsen, a former staff member. Mike plans to return in the fall to Berkshire Community College, where he has already studied for two years, majoring in the field of Human Services and Peace Studies.

Rose McKee

MONTEREY GRANGE #291

The Monterey Grange met on May 20th for a Memorial Mother's Day and musical program. Monterey Grange #291 will attend Past Masters night at Sandisfield Grange #425 and furnish a number for the program (May 21st) and on June 1st will furnish all the

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program for Friendship Night at West Stockbridge Grange #246. On June 19 there will be a Mystery Ride in charge of Carl Jesperson. Plans are underway for a Tag Sale and a Food Sale. Next meeting will be June 1st for election of officers.

Monterey Grange #291 met June 3rd for election of officers. John Lassin was re-elected Master. All the other officers were reelected. On June 19th, members will meet at 7:00 p.m. at Grange Hall for Mystery Ride, in charge of Carl Jesperson. There will be a combination food and tag sale on July 11th on the library lawn. Lena Greene and Louise Halsted are co-chairmen for the food sale and Patty Hardesty is in charge of the tag sale. Members are working on the grounds and window boxes have been put up on the Hall.

Mary Wallace, Lecturer

COMMUNITY DINNER

The Community Dinner for June will be held on Wednesday, June 24th, at 6:30 p.m. in the Church Social Room. The program will be a film on water conservation and will be cosponsored by the Monterey Water Company and the Monterey Conservation Commission.

The dinner will be furnished by the people attending. All in Monterey are invited. Bring food to share with your neighbors. A casserole, dessert or salad will fill the bill. You are invited to enjoy the evening with your neighbors.

THE MONTEREY NEWS CRIES "HELP!"

The MONTEREY NEWS calls for two styles (that we think of right now). The first style calls for plugging away, month in and month out, cranking up and doing the job again as deadlines roll around again. That style calls for a steady commitment to hang in there and get the job done no matter what hurdles appear in the pathway.

The second style calls for the ability to shift, move, maneuver and flow with the changing tides. One of the tides we need to consider is the necessary persons available to help get all those pieces into the mail. Yes, and we need to keep an eye on not spending more money than comes in.

For these reasons the MONTEREY NEWS cries "HELP!" We are seeking a pool of persons to help in the final crunch of folding, sorting, labeling and all the other things necessary for getting the issue ready for mailing. If we had a dozen or so persons willing to give between two and three hours once every two or three months, it would greatly help with one of our most severe crunches in getting the news ready. We need several persons who would learn to run the mimeograph and would then take alternate turns in running issues of the news. We would also be pleased to have a person or two who could trace the illustrations onto the stencils.

Yes, you heard right, we did cry "Help!" It is not a desperate cry. We are not against the wall. But some timely volunteers in these several spots would make it even more fun to keep producing the MONTEREY NEWS for over one thousand addresses.

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LATE BULLETIN
GOULD FARM AND THE ATLANTA PROJECT

A group of twenty children and adults from Atlanta will arrive at Gould Farm on July 9th and will stay until August 6th. They will be flown to Hartford where they will be met by personnel of Gould Farm. The trip is being sponsored by Emmaus House under the auspices of the Episcopal Church. $5,000.00 will be required to cover expenses for travel, housing, feeding, and to provide for activities and recreation for the group. Those on the Farm are being asked to make a special contribution for this purpose; $370.00 has already been raised. It is hoped that local churches and people in the neighborhood will help.

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The hours are from 9:00 to 5:00, Monday through Friday.
A substantial noon meal is served.

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Our resident camp is opening for the 42nd year under the same directors - Mr. and Mrs. Eric Craven. Both hold advanced degrees in education. We have two sessions - the first starts July 1st.

If interested, call Eric Craven in Monterey at 528-0174.

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